

Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee
February 14, 2014

Chair Peter Wolff called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present: County Board Supervisors Peter Wolff, Janel Brandtjen, Larry Nelson, Dave Zimmerman, Fritz Ruf, Michael Crowley and Keith Hammitt.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Business Manager Lyndsay Johnson, Sheriff Dan Trawicki, Deputy Inspector Jim Gumm, Director of Administration Norm Cummings, Collections/Business Services Manager Andrew Thelke, Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Stolte, Mark Stigler, WCTC Law Enforcement Instructor; Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki, Medical Examiner; Craig Garbisch, Chief Deputy Medical Examiner, Washington County; Michael R. Starch, County Board Supervisor Candidate, District 9.

Approve Minutes of January 17, 2013

MOTION: Ruf moved, second by Brandtjen to approve the minutes of January 17, 2014. Motion carried 7-0

Executive Committee Report

Spaeth reported on the items discussed at the Executive Committee meeting of January 20, 2014.

- Approval of two ordinances which have since been adopted by the County Board
- Results of the 2013 tax foreclosure process presented by Treasurer Pam Reeves
- Determination of appraised value for a tax foreclosed property discussion with Corporation Counsel Tom Farley
- County Board committee reports by committee chairs

Next Meeting Date

- March 14, 2014

Ordinance 168-O-087: Authorize The Expenditure Of Seized Funds And Amend The 2014 Sheriff's Department Budget For Multiple Purchases

Trawicki, Gumm and Johnson were present to discuss this ordinance which modifies the 2014 Sheriff's Department Budget by appropriating \$127,440 of seized fund reserve fund balance to make various equipment purchases to enhance law enforcement efforts.

Trawicki reviewed the items to be purchased, as outlined in the fiscal note, and provided further justification of the purchases

Description	Amount
Patrol Boat (1), Boat Motor (1), and Trailer (1)	\$95,000
Tactical Enforcement Team Helmets (33)	\$17,740
Honor Guard Uniforms (14 complete uniforms will be purchased with an additional 14 shirts and 14 trousers)	\$14,700
Total	\$127,440

The current patrol boat, used by the dive team as well as boat patrol, is over 25-years-old and needs to be replaced. The replacement will be a Boston Whaler model, complete with a new motor and trailer, at a cost of \$95,000. The purchase will be eligible for a 70% reimbursement over five years through a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for counties that provide boating enforcement efforts.

Crowley asked the age of the existing helmets and whether they could be donated to another law enforcement agency. Trawicki stated the helmets are of varying ages, but they are not functional with upgraded radio equipment. The new helmets will have the capability to work with wireless microphones. Trawicki stated items have been donated to other agencies in the past and he would consider donating the helmets if practical.

Relative to the new honor guard uniforms, Trawicki stated replacements are needed and the existing brown colored uniforms are no longer available for purchase. The new, updated uniforms will be black in color.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Hammitt to approve Ordinance 168-O-087. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 168-O-088: Amend The 2014 Sheriff's Department Budget For The Expenditure Of Seized Funds To Participating Agencies In February 2014

Trawicki, Johnson and Gumm were present to discuss this ordinance which will appropriate \$16,540 of General Fund balance generated through seized funds for distribution to participating Metro Drug Unit agency communities based on their participation status at the time of each seizure. The following participating agencies will receive seizure fund revenue: City of Waukesha (\$4,146); City of New Berlin (\$3,128); City of Brookfield (\$3,015); Village of Menomonee Falls (\$3,653); City of Muskego (\$731); Village of Hartland (\$731); Village of Pewaukee (\$388); and Village of Eagle (\$748).

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Ruf to approve Ordinance 168-O-088. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 168-O-089: Approve County Municipal Loan Program For Radios Required To Participate In County-Wide Digital Radio System Upgrade And Appropriate Funds

Cummings and Thelke were present to discuss this ordinance which authorizes the creation of a municipal loan program for municipalities participating in the county-wide digital radio system and the appropriation of \$2 million of General Fund balance for loans to the participating municipal partners.

Cummings briefly reviewed background and history of the digital radio system and its upgrade from analog to digital. In response to Wolff's question, Cummings stated the County would offer two-year loans of no more than \$200,000 per municipality up to a maximum total of \$2 million. The loans will help supplement municipal budgets so they can participate in this upgrade.

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Ruf, to approve Ordinance 168-O-089.

In answer to Brandtjen's questions, Cummings stated that the interest rate on the loans would be 1.5% and the proceeds from the interest and principal repayments would be returned to the General Fund. Thelke stated payments would be collected on an annual basis.

Motion carried 7-0.

Presentation on the Waukesha County Mass Fatality Plan

Stigler stated he was retained by the Medical Examiner to create the Waukesha County Mass Fatality Plan. The plan is the first of its kind in the state, and serves as a template for other counties in creating their own mass fatality plans.

Stigler provided a high-level overview of the Waukesha County Mass Fatality Plan accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation. A handout on the summary of the plan was distributed and reviewed.

Purpose of the Plan:

The Waukesha County Mass Fatality Plan serves as a resource for training, reference, guidance and response direction for the handling of all-hazards mass fatality (MF) events in Waukesha County.

Mass Fatality Event Defined:

An event that exceeds or overwhelms the normal operating capacity of the Waukesha County Medical Examiner's Office or the county's private mortuary system.

Types of Mass Fatality Events:

- Health related events
- Natural events
- Accident related events
- Mass transportation events
- Criminal or intentional events

Plan Description:

The Plan serves as guidance for the assignment of roles and responsibilities locally and the incorporation of agencies and entities from the regional, state and federal levels. It contains over 240 pages of background information, resource lists, flow charts, checklists, and guides. It utilizes the Incident Command System (ICS) and the Plan is hyperlinked for maneuverability. Specifically, the purpose of this plan is to facilitate the management of MF events no matter the level or type.

Three Main Operations Areas covered in the Plan:

- Recovery Operations
- Morgue Operations
- Reunification Operations

Wolff asked whether Stigler would be involved in ongoing updating and training. Stigler stated that the Medical Examiner has retained him to be the facilitator of the plan through this year.

Zimmerman asked how the full MF Plan could be reviewed. Stigler stated the Medical Examiner's Office is the custodian of the plan and suggested contacting their office for details.

Legislative Update

Spaeth gave an update on the following legislative items:

SB-526, relating to: restricting information available on the consolidated court automated Internet site (CCAP). A public hearing was held yesterday. The judges and Kathy Madden are in favor of this bill. It is still unclear what costs would be to the County, as there still would be paper records available.

AB-556, relating to: strip searches. The bill will be voted upon on Tuesday, February 18.

Spaeth stated she continues to monitor the status of legislation that would reduce the amount of taxes assessed on phone bills in Wisconsin while funding efforts to maintain and enhance emergency 911 systems across the state. She and Emergency Preparedness Director Gary Bell recently traveled to Madison in support of this issue.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Ruf to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Fritz Ruf
Secretary